



Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary January 18, 2017

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, Michelle Belski, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Hashan Chowdhury, Carl Eggleston, Liz Habberman (for Blaise DeFazio), Diana Holzberger, Brigid Howe, Yvonne Iscandari, Jessica Kelley, Edward Krauze, Sybil Philip, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Claudia Simmons, Lynn Sobolov (for April Kaplan), Greg Stevens, Barbara Warman, Dr. Mayme Williams and Lara Woodruff

Members Absent: Lindsey Allard Agnamba, L'Ornya Bowie, Pamela Dunn and Greg Smith

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS) and Sarah Wilch-Spamer

Ed Krauze, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes: Review of meeting minutes from November 16, 2016 (No December Commission Meeting).

ACTION: Meeting minutes were approved with no changes; all in favor

New Business:

- Minimum Wage Act: Issues to Consider:
 - Impact on childcare providers
 - Shrinking field of infant/toddler providers-might lose more providers
 - Will cause a rise in tuition, but no increase in WPA
 - Impact of sick and safe leave laws on rise in tuition
 - CCC agreed write a letter about the bill to the County Council-focus on the unintended consequences on parents and children
 - Will be sent to the CE and cc to County Council

ACTION: Barbara Warman will draft a letter to the CE in regards to the Minimum Wage Bill; will host a special meeting on January 25, 2017 to vote on the final version of the letter.

Updates

- **WPA/Subsidy** (Yvonne Iscandari)
 - As of January 1, 2017: 2,064 supplemental vouchers have been issued
 - As of January 1, 2017: WPS has spent 1.65 million (have spent over 50% of annual budget)

Current WPA Waitlist is 465 children/306 families; were hoping the numbers on this list would have been reduced by attrition, but this has not happened.

- **Early Childhood Coordinating Council** (Barbara Andrews)
 - Lead by Monica Ortiz, Vice Chair is Deann Collins, there is currently no Chair
 - Now meeting 1 time a month; 3 committees w/i the ECCC
 - Planning ways to engage the community
 - Looking to create an inventory of what services already exist and where there are gaps
- **County Early Care and Education Update** (Barbara Andrews)
 - Strategic Plan will be released soon; waiting on hard copy to return from the printer; will send a link to the CCC once released
 - Council asked about the cost of doing a cost of care study, DHHS is inquiring on cost/process
 - HHS/Ed Council Committee meeting to review OLO report on universal Pre-K 1/26/17

Announcements

- **MMF Update** (Brigid Howe)
 - Creating timeline for 2017
 - Working on “call to action” for early care and education
 - Working to engage business leaders and educate about early care and education
 - BB Otero and Miriam Calderon will be guest speakers
 - Conducting a business survey about employee needs and what employers can offer

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.